FISCAL NOTE

HB 2619 - SB 3094

February 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the eligibility requirement for the HOPE scholarship and HOPE access grant as a prerequisite for eligibility in the Tennessee HOPE foster child tuition grant program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by approximately \$756,000 in FY06-07 and approximately \$1,134,000 in FY07-08.

Assumptions:

- There were 30 HOPE foster grant awards made in FY05-06. Of this number 22 attended a 4-year institution.
- The number of awards that could have been if HB 2619 SB 3094 had been in effect in FY05-06 is estimated to be 106.
- Estimated number of HOPE foster grant awards that could be made in FY07-08 = 159 (FY06-07 students returning (106 x 50% = 53) plus the number of new students estimated for FY06-07 (106) = 159)
- Annual estimated cost of attendance at UTK is \$17,000, at a TBR 4-year institution \$14,710, and at a TBR 2-year institution \$8,883.
- Using an average cost of attendance of approximately \$13,500, the estimated average unmet student need after applying the Pell Grant of \$4,050 and the TSAA of \$2,320 is estimated to be \$7,130.
- Therefore, the estimated increase in state expenditures in FY06-07 is estimated to be approximately \$755,780 and approximately \$1,133,670 in FY07-08.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director